

DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation to sponsor Yorklyn Day Festival celebrating community Sunday, June 2

YORKLYN – The third annual Yorklyn Day Festival, sponsored by DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation, will be held 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2 in Yorklyn. The event is a partnership between DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation, the Center for Creative Arts, the Marshall Steam Museum, Yorklyn Pool, and Dew Point Brewing Co.

At the new Auburn Valley State Park, the Marshall Mansion and Marshall Steam Museum will be open from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m., with steam car and miniature train rides, and mansion tours. The Wilmington & Western Railroad's Doodlebug train will be offering rides from Yorklyn to Hockessin and back. Representatives from DNREC will also be on hand to discuss the progress on revitalization of the former NVF site, as well as the new Marshall Family Bridge, the first in a series of repurposed historic iron-truss bridges brought from all over the country to serve community trail users at Auburn Valley State Park.

Activities are stationed in numerous areas, almost all within convenient walking distance to the new Auburn Valley State Parks trails. Food trucks will be on hand to serve a variety of culinary options. Festivities will also include live music, artisans, craft beer, vendors, and non-profit presenters.

Activity hubs will include:

- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Cozy Quarters Farm pony rides
- 1 p.m. – Yorklyn Bridge Trail's Kid Zone and Jungle John's Dinosaur Show

- 2:30 p.m. – Live Reptile Show
- 3:30 p.m. – Conservation Connections’ free-flighted bird program

Other activities will include: the Juggling Hoffmans, nature presentations, and crafts; the Center for Creative Arts “Art Zone,” featuring live music, an artisans market and art sales, adult beverages, and children’s art activities; the “Dew Point Zone” with live music, lawn games, ping-pong, disc golf baskets, craft beer, and vendors; and Yorklyn Pool Pickle Ball demonstrations, with an opportunity to try your hand at this new craze.

Event parking is headquartered at H. B. Middle School, 735 Meeting House Road, Hockessin, DE 19707. School buses will transport visitors to and from the school to the event site every fifteen minutes, with smaller shuttle buses transporting throughout the activity areas. Handicapped parking on the event site is available at Yorklyn Bridge Trail, 1178 Yorklyn Road, Hockessin, DE 19707. Fees apply to all rides and the house tours.

More information is available at www.YorklynDay.org, on the Yorklyn Day Facebook page, or by calling the Auburn Valley State Park office at 302-729-4280.

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